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# CLUBWOMAN/INDIANA

## Kindness Recognition

The President's theme for 2020-2022 is Color Our World with Kindness.

Individually and collectively we have the ability to bring color and kindness into the lives of those around us. What we do affects others, both in word and deed.

A \$25 Kindness Recognition Award will go to a club that goes the extra mile to bring kindness to their community, making a difference to a group of people, large or small, young or old, local or far away. Be creative. Be kind.

The application will be due no later than March 20, 2021 and is in the Indiana Club Manual.



*Color Our World  
with Kindness*

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**The 2021  
 GFWC Annual Convention  
 Toronto, Canada  
 June 26-28**

GET YOUR PASSPORTS so you can attend.

The 2021 GFWC Annual Convention will take place at the Sheraton Centre Toronto, less than 0.2 of a kilometer or “click” from the striking Toronto City Hall and the PATH underground pedestrian walkway and shopping mall. Toronto, one of the world’s most diverse cities, is the perfect place for Convention given the launch of GFWC’s five new Community Service Program areas: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Environment, Education and Libraries, and Health and Wellness. If you’ve never been to International Convention, this would be an amazing opportunity to go.

Registration will open in March 1.

Check out [gfwc.org](http://gfwc.org) for more details and the GFWC Clubwoman magazine.

# Greetings from Your President - Kimberly Meyer



(with heavy winter coats!), and hopefully you are still able to see the smiling faces of your fellow club members. We are still able to do some of our volunteer work, even if it might be more difficult. We can still sew masks for our schools, purchase or collect food items for the homeless or folks in need, and a note to a nursing home resident is always welcome.

However you are meeting, do it with an attitude of gratefulness, no matter how inconvenient it might be. So many in our communities are suffering, and we have the opportunity to be with friends, new and old, to spread sunshine to those covered in clouds.

My theme for this administration is Color Our World with Kindness. Now, more than ever, we need more kindness. We each have the ability to bring the bright colors of the seasons into the lives of those around us. What we do affects others, both in word and deed. Make OUR world a kind one.

In Federation,

Kimberly

Spring has always been my favorite time of the year. The weather is a bit fickle, but with the eventual warm up, flowers poke their heads through the cold, wet ground with the promise of sunshine and sundresses. Autumn, on the other hand, means the earth is going to sleep for a while. The leaves fall, making the trees naked, and eventually a blanket of snow covers the landscape.

To me, the upside to autumn means our clubs are getting a good start on the club year, with programs, book studies, and collecting or making things to benefit our community. And, don't forget, socializing! We are so good at that!

This fall is different. If we are meeting, it might be online or socially distanced in a driveway

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

### *From the President*

The GFWC Indiana Club Manual was **emailed** to all club and district presidents and state chairmen in mid October. We understand that some members would prefer a hard copy. This is still possible, although we recommend that you print only what you need (forms, applications, etc). The electronic file may be shared with any club member, and it is suggested that you download the file to your computer for easier access. Updates will be provided, as needed, via email.

## WE'VE GONE DIGITAL

The Indiana Clubwoman Magazine has gone digital! Please forward the email to all club members and make copies for members who may not be able to print. Please let Kimberly Meyer know if your club needs a printed copy, and she will print and mail a copy to the club president.

## GFWC CLUBWOMAN MAGAZINE

The GFWC Clubwoman Magazine is a wealth of information. If you need to renew or sign up to receive the magazine, it is available in the

## HOW IS YOUR CLUB DOING?

In the several months since COVID19 rocked our world, we've learned a lot. We've learned to stay home more, cook and clean more, wear a mask when we go out, and we know where to find hand sanitizer at our local stores. But, what about our clubs, our friends, and our projects? Some clubs have been able to meet in socially distanced ways and have figured out how to continue with their projects and even gain members! Other clubs have concerns about venturing out due to concerns of members' health and the state of the virus in their areas.

Whether you are going nowhere or meeting regularly in person or online, there are projects your club can do in a safe way. Just remember that the most important thing to keep in mind is to do what is best for your club and members. And however you are meeting or not, keep in touch with each other. Talking to a friend on the phone or across the street warms the soul and brings smiles to the heart. We all need connection.

So, give some of the ideas below some thought, and with any luck, we'll all be hugging at State Convention on April 10 in Indianapolis!

- Make and send cards to folks in long term care or those who are home alone.
- Work on your club history.
- Have a "virtual" happy hour with members on Zoom, Google Meet, Skype, or other online meeting venue.
- Collect items for your local homeless shelter, animal shelter, or food pantry. Members can do a "porch drop" and one member can deliver.
- Have an online fundraiser such as Pampered Chef, Terri Lynn Fundraisers (nuts, candy), or a local vendor.
- Make Kindness Rocks and hide in the community.
- Make cookies and drop off at the police or fire station with a note from your club.
- Many "Adopt a Child" or "Angel Tree" Christmas events have gone virtual. Your club may be able to select a child and order gifts online. Check with your local churches and shelters to see how your club can help!
- Start a book club using the ESO reading list.
- Meet virtually or on conference call to write your club reports.
- Learn about the Starfish Project at [GFWC.org](http://GFWC.org) and in the GFWC Club Manual. Don't forget to check out all of the other amazing projects GFWC supports.
- Make big plans for when we can all be together again!

# Meeting the Officers for 2020-2022

President:

## **KIMBERLY MEYER**



Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Clubwomen of Indiana. I am currently a member of GFWC Hearts and Hands, in Fishers, IN. When I first joined GFWC back in the 80's, I was a member of the Plainfield Jr. Women's Club in Plainfield. I held all offices at the club, county, and district levels before becoming Indiana's Junior Treasurer, and Indiana's Second Vice President. I had the pleasure of serving as Indiana's Director of Jr Clubs in 2008, followed by being a member of the GFWC Junior Council and member of the GFWC Resolutions Committee. More recently, I have served as Registration Chair for Indiana.

Growing up in Lafayette, I attended the University of Evansville for my elementary degree. This is where I met my life partner, Don. We eventually settled in Plainfield, where we raised our 2 children. Now, nearly 40 years later and kids out of the house, we are enjoying the fruits of our labors.

I retired nearly two years ago after 20 years of being an elementary mild disabilities special education teacher. While I miss the kiddos, I have greatly enjoyed gardening, volunteering at church and school, projects in the workshop and around the house, and most of all, my 2 grandkids. My husband and I had enjoyed traveling before the stay at home order, and we were looking forward to more of it with my retirement, but like all of you, we've stayed closer to home, occasionally traveling more than 10 miles from home. We're hoping our trip to Rome happens in 2021 - Italy, not Indiana.

We've missed traveling to see our daughter in Portland, Oregon, and we are thankful for video chat to be able keep track of her and her two cats. We've felt fortunate that our son and his family live a short 15 minutes away, allowing us to ride bikes, take walks, and play outside with the grandkids. (We let our son and daughter-in-law tag along, too).

Regardless of what we haven't been able to do, Life is Good!

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**Vice President:**

**MARIANNE MCCOMBS**



Since becoming a member of GFWC/IFC in 2006, I have held several different offices including NW District Treasurer, Secretary and NW District Vice President. I've also held the office of President, Vice President, and Secretary of the ESO Regional Readers and was instrumental in creating a new club, the GFWC/IFC Women in Action.

For the past two years I have served as the GFWC/IFC Treasurer and I am honored to be your Vice President.

I am a mother, a grandmother and an extremely lucky wife, who has enjoyed 20 years of marriage to a wonderful

man. I have 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 5-12 years of age. They keep me on my toes. I am also the mom to 3 grand dogs, and three furry kittens. I enjoy technology and am always interested in finding new ways to do things with the use of computers, and other forms of technology.

I have a wry sense of humor and I find fun in all sorts of things. There are two things I never leave the house without, and that is cat hair and my iPhone.

I will do my utmost to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth for my position as treasurer and honor the trust given to me by my fellow Club Women. I don't take my position lightly, and even though I am not the most serious person in the world I am very diligent in my duties.

I am proud to be a part of this wonderful organization and look forward to working with all of you in the future. I am praying for a quick and efficient end of this pandemic and pray for all of our members and all people to be well and unaffected by it.

In Federation  
Marianne McCombs

# Meeting the Officers for 2020-2022

**Secretary:**

**BONNIE SPARKS**



Just like a bad penny, I have popped onto the scene again. I will be serving as the GFWC/IFC Secretary for the next two years.

I have been a Club member for about 40 years now and have seen many changes along the way but true to the purpose, GFWC never sways from the path of helping others whether it is through volunteering or through donations. I am proud to be a member! Currently I am a member of the Big Ten in NW Indiana but was a member of the KV Women's Club for most of those 40 years. I served as president of KV several times, along with every other office and committee chairman. I had also been a member

of GFWC Missi's Shinning Stars while having the honor of representing Indiana as the GFWC/IFC Director of Junior Clubs (2008-2010). Along the way I have also had the privilege of reading your reports as several 'department' chairs for IFC and NW District.

On a personal note I hold a BS in Education from Capital University in Ohio and an MS in Education from Purdue. After teaching art for 32 years I took a disability leave and had an extensive back surgery and most recently four surgeries on my feet in the past two years plus a few others thrown in between the mix just for the heck of it (not really). Right now I am finished with therapy and walking a bit better. Those knee scooters are a handy thing to have but too many months on them will throw your back off.

My sweet hubby, Jim, and I have been married 45 years and have two children. We were blessed with three grandchildren, one of whom we lost in 2018 at the age of 16. Poor Jim has been my cook, bottle washer and chauffeur throughout those feet surgeries.

As far as free time, LOL...what is that? We have enough plants and baskets in the yard that it takes about an hour to water them. This year I tried 'Winter Sowing' of seeds. (Containers that sit out in the snow to make plants stronger) I will be doing it again this winter for all the tomatoes, cukes and about 20 other seeds I have purchased plus for the first time collecting seeds from the flowering plants we already have. Never too old to learn!

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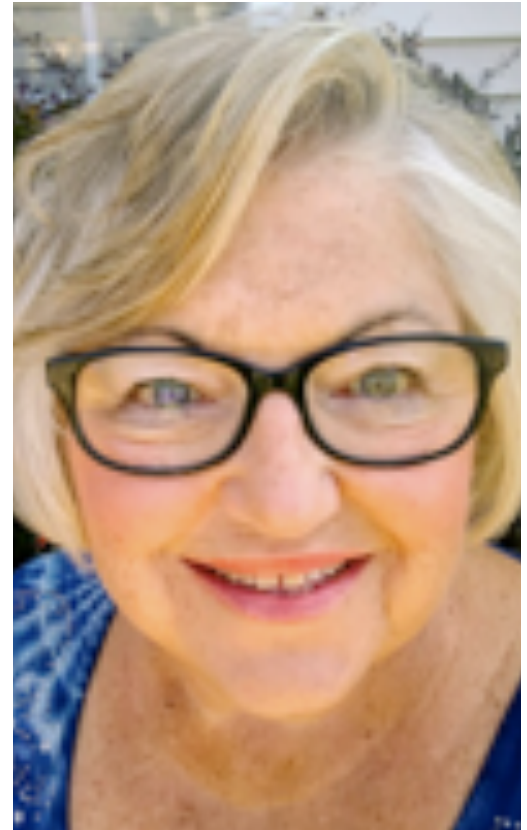
Presidential Advisor:

**DANA JONES**



Presidential Advisor:

**ALICE DUKE**



## President Elect:

Candidates for this position must have already served on the Executive Board. Any one interested please contact our President Kimberly Meyer.

## Treasurer:

Candidates for this position need basic bookkeeping (checkbook balancing, spreadsheets) skills. Internet and computer access are a **must**. If interested contact President Kimberly Meyer.

## Great Lakes Region Conference

GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference met virtually on October 24.

It was great opportunity to see and learn what is happening in the states around us and hear from our GFWC leadership.

Club presidents have received copies of the Region Program Chairmen's



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# GFWC's Five New Community Service Programs

On July 1, 2020, GFWC introduced five new Community

Programs are not a replacement of former programs, but as an update and expansion of what GFWC is already involved in. Complete information is available in the 2020-2022 Club Manual found in the member portal under “My Digital Library.”

**Arts and Culture Program** encourages the promotion and support of art and cultural programs. Be creative with projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, and music, and that develop art and culture skills, awareness, and appreciation.

**Civic Engagement and Outreach Programs** center around our members reaching out to our fellow citizens who need assistance, supply knowledge to citizens to become involved in their communities, to acknowledge those who serve and protect our citizens, and to support those who are veterans of our foreign wars.

**Education and Library Programs** are designed for members to support the education of adults and children and the sustainability of library programs. This Program also includes our beloved Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) which happened to be started in Indiana! All are welcome to join the GFWC ESO Facebook group “GFWC 2020 2022 ESO BOOK CLUB.”

**Environment Programs** provide many club project and program ideas to clubs to help all of us live sustainable lives. Our environment includes everything that makes up our surroundings and affects our ability to live on the earth including the air we breathe, the water we drink, the nature we watch and interact with.

**Health and Wellness Program** involves all aspects of physical and mental wellbeing. Nutrition is the foundation of health, and around the world many are denied this basic need. Confronting mental health and physical health keeps our bodies and minds working. Disease prevention programs such as immunizations and vaccines, disease screening and awareness also play a part of our health and wellbeing.

*Book Talk*

**ESO  
CORNER**



The 2019 club year had thirty-three members participating in the ESO program and I am expecting the 2020 reports to go through the roof! What better way to keep busy while sheltering in place than traveling the world through books. If ordering either electronic or paper books from Amazon, I hope you use Amazon Smile and give GFWC credit! (Just go to GFWC.ORG and click on the Amazon Smile link to place your order.)

Many ESO participants earned Century Certificates in 2019. When a reader's total books read passes a century mark, certificates are purchased from GFWC Marketplace and awarded to the readers. The century award winners were: First Century: Shirley Braner, Nancy Caenepeel, Lucy Devine, Dana Jones, Andrea Kappes, Lisa Lawrence, Sandy Trivan, and Brenda Underwood. Second Century winners were Marianne McCombs and me. Third Century winner was Rosalyn Marschand. Fourth Century winners were Tanya Bland, Terry Diedrich and Deborah Evancic. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, Gayle O'Neal has read and reported on a total of 1764 books. She asked me to stop awarding her certificates because she has already papered her bathroom!

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As hard as it is to believe, and thankfully, 2020 is almost over! Just as a reminder, this is all you have to do to report the books you have read, **NO WRITTEN BOOK REPORT IS NEEDED!!!** Just snail mail or email the list of books read in 2020, showing the 1) title, 2) author, and 3) the points shown in the ESO reading list OR the number of pages in the book. I will keep track of your number of books read and points totals.

I usually mail certificates within a few weeks of receiving your list, but if it is the end of the year, I will save them and award them to you personally at the GFWC Indiana Convention. That being said, I just mailed out the certificates I would have proudly handed to you in April 2020. I was hoping they would be handed to you at your District Conventions, but now that is not going to happen either. Oh well. Clubwomen are flexible.

Please keep reading and send your reports to me in a flow basis or just at the end of the year. However you wish to report, please report and I look forward to seeing you in APRIL!!! -By Tric Heepe

**INDIANA:**

**GFWC Indiana Federation of Clubs**

**Spring Convention**

**Saturday, April 10, 2021, 9 am to 9 pm**

**at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fishers, IN**

**Our special guest will be Jolie Frankfurth,  
GFWC Secretary.**

**We will have an informal social Friday evening.**

**Special hotel rates will be available for Friday night for those that would like to travel down the evening before.**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

# Club Reports and Club Manual info

**Club Reports** are due to Vice President Marianne McCombs no later than February 1, 2021 for the 2020 club year.

Club Presidents have received a fillable form for statistics from President Kimberly Meyer. Narratives are encouraged in addition to the statistical form, and good instruction/review will be forthcoming. Please “save” your forms with your club name in the name of the document. (i.e. HeartsHandsStats20, MunsterJrArts20)

Email is preferred, but if you must snail mail, please type or print clearly, and include your club name on each page. (Marianne will need to “copy and paste” information into another document or type from scratch.)  
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## gfwc.org/Club Manual

Have you logged in to your GFWC member portal account at gfwc.org? Don’t forget to check your account information for accuracy - address and phone number. If you have trouble logging in, please don’t hesitate to contact GFWC during office hours, and they will be happy to help you.

At gfwc.org you can access the Club Manual, information about all of the Community Service Programs, find any forms you may need, and you can shop at the GFWC Marketplace.

To view the entire 186 page Club Manual in one pdf:

- log in under Member Login in the top right corner
- click on the “head” in the top right corner
- click on “my digital library”, then “Resources”
- go to the files under “C” (for club manual), then “Club Manual”
- click on “Entire Club Manual”, then click again
- On my computer it downloads the file. It will take a few minutes, then I recommend you save it on your computer.

\*\*Any updates to programs or forms will automatically be on the website, so don’t forget to check periodically for new information.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
*Stay Safe*

From Your GFWC/IFC Executive Committee

